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HOPKINTON PLANNING BOARD MINUTES AUGUST 12, 2014

Chairman Bruce Ellsworth opened the Hopkinton Planning Board meeting of Tuesday, August 12, 2014, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Hopkinton Town Hall. Members present: Celeste Hemingson, Cettie Connolly, and Alternates Rich Steele and James Fredyma. Members absent: Vice Chairman Timothy Britain, Ex-Officio George Langwasser, Michael Wilkey, Jane Bradstreet and Clarke Kidder. Staff present: Planning Director Karen Robertson.

Due to the absence of regular members of the Board, Mr. Steele and Mr. Fredyma were designated as voting members.

I. Review and adopt the Minutes and Notice of Decision of July 8, 2014.

Mrs. Hemingson, seconded by Mrs. Connolly, moved to **APPROVE** the Minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously (Hemingson, Connolly, Steele, Fredyma and Ellsworth).

Mrs. Connolly, seconded by Mr. Steele, moved to **APPROVE** the Notice of Decision as written. Motion carried unanimously (Hemingson, Connolly, Steele, Fredyma and Ellsworth).

II. Conceptual Consultations. There were no conceptual consultations.

III. Application.

#2014-6 Katrina C. Richardson Gary Richardson presented plans of a Lot line adjustment of property located at 1569 Briar Hill Road in the R-4 district, shown on Tax Map 242 as Lots 4 and 7. After the lot line adjustment, Lot 7 will consist of 13.33 acres and Lot 4 will consist of 3.47 acres. The wetlands on Lot 4 were mapped.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are in the process of selling their residence; however, the current property line dividing the two lots runs through the middle of a field that is fenced. The lot line adjustment will allow the field to be sold with the house.

Mrs. Hemingson, seconded by Mr. Fredyma, moved to **ACCEPT** application #2014-6 as complete and for consideration. Motion carried unanimously (Hemingson, Connolly, Steele, Fredyma and Ellsworth).

There was no one present wishing to provide public testimony.

Mrs. Hemingson, seconded by Mrs. Connolly, moved to **APPROVE** application #2014-6 as presented. Motion carried unanimously (Hemingson, Connolly, Steele, Fredyma and Ellsworth).

IV. Public Hearing – Subdivision Regulations. Pursuant to NH RSA 675:6 & 7, the Planning Board had intended to hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Hopkinton Subdivision Regulations. Instead, the Planning Board agreed to postpone the public hearing so that a full-text of the proposed amendments could be posted and available to the public. Note: While notice of the hearing and the text of the amendments were posted, a page of the full-text was inadvertently excluded. The public hearing is rescheduled for September 16, 2014. Notice of the same along with will a full-text of the amendment will be posted.

Amendments proposed as follows:

- a. Amend **Section I General Provisions**, 1.3.1 Rules of Procedure by inserting new language with respect to the duties and responsibilities of the Planning Board, including the procedures by which the Board receives and acts upon applications and communications.
- V. Subdivision Regulations Work Session. The Planning Board had intended to discuss revisions to Section II Procedures for Subdivision Approval and Section III Data Required for Submission of a Subdivision. Instead, the Planning Board agreed to postpone the work session in order to give additional members an opportunity to be present to participate in discussions. The intent of the work session is to determine whether or not provisions of Sections II and III should be combined in an effort to omit provisions that may be duplicated.

VI. Adjournment.

Chairman Bruce Ellsworth declared the meeting **ADJOURNED** at 7:10 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Hopkinton Planning Board is at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at the Hopkinton Town Hall.

Karen L. Robertson Planning Director

In accordance with RSA 677:15, any person(s) aggrieved by any decision of the Planning Board concerning application(s) may present to the Superior Court a petition, duly verified, setting forth that such a decision is illegal or unreasonable in whole or part and specifying the grounds upon which the same is claimed to be illegal or unreasonable. Such petition shall be presented to the court within thirty (30) days after the Board's final decision regarding the application in question has been filed and becomes available for public inspection in the Planning Office.